

**HAMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
JANUARY 7, 2008 – 7:00 PM**

PRESENT: Ben Moore, Chairman
Bill Lally, Vice Chairman
James Workman
Virginia Bridle-Russell
Rick Griffin
Fred Welch, Town Manager
Maureen Duffy, Administrative Assistant

REGRETS:

PUBLIC HEARING

The purpose of the public hearing is to hear and receive testimony on the question of appropriating funding in the total amount of \$7,091,600 through bonding for the construction of two new fire stations for the Town of Hampton in accordance with the provisions of RSA 33:8-a. Residents may be present or send written testimony that will be included in the record of this hearing.

Chairman Moore opened the public hearing.

Chairman Moore revised the dollar figure to \$6,787,350 for bonding. No written testimony was received per the Town Manager. The Selectmen have separated the bonded amount to two warrant articles; the uptown fire station for \$4,576,250 and the beach fire station of \$2,211,100.

Michael Pierce (16 Hedman Avenue) mentioned that the Budget Committee examined the proposal and unanimously turned down the beach fire station. He believes that there is a need for further discussion between the Selectmen and the Precinct Commissioners regarding a beach fire station. In addition, he does not believe that there should be two fire station projects occurring at the same time. Mr. Pierce said that the proposed uptown station is too big and expensive to operate and that no environmental or energy efficiencies have been considered. He pointed out that it costs at least \$500,000 to maintain the electricity and heating at the fire station and noted that the Town needs to seriously consider ways to manage these costs. Mr. Pierce believes that the governing body should reevaluate the 2006 fire station proposal. As he believes that it is closer to what the Town needs. Mr. Pierce expressed his interest in upgrading the uptown station. He also suggested that the energy committee provide their input on the energy efficiencies for the project. Mr. Pierce also noted that the uptown station was built to be expanded on the east side. He believes that Hampton needs to do something, however the proposed is not the answer.

Maurie Friedman (30 Hampton Meadows) comments mainly addressed the \$4,576,250 proposal. It is clear to him that more space is needed in the Town Hall and that the firefighters need better facilities. Mr. Friedman said that the proposed duplicates facilities that exist in other Towns. Furthermore the proposal ignores space that is available. In addition, he believes that the Town is missing a fantastic opportunity to encourage synergy and cooperation between the Fire and Police Departments. Mr. Friedman believes that the proposed demonstrates that there is not a solid master plan, that looks to how the Town can evaluate the operation today, to improve the efficiencies in the future. He questioned why the Town should build another emergency control

center when the training room at the Police Station would suffice. Mr. Friedman stated that the old Town Hall could be renovated and could be used for multiple Town uses. He also pointed out that the school population is decreasing and perhaps the Town could consider utilizing some of the school buildings. Mr. Friedman voiced his concern about overlooking the opportunity of cooperation and synergy between the Police and Fire Departments.

Art Moody (3 Thomsen Road) asked if there was a handout on the proposal. Mr. Moore said that there was not. Mr. Moody asked what the number of years the bonds would be held for. Mr. Moore confirmed 30 years. Mr. Moody asked what the total indebtedness was for the bonds. Chairman Moore said that he did not have the information in front of him. Mr. Moody asked where the beach station would be located. Chairman Moore noted that the proposed location would be in the southeast corner of the Ashworth Parking lot, next to the Westport Hotel. Mr. Moody asked how many parking spaces would be lost due to the proposed. Chairman Moore replied by stating that there would be nine spots lost as a result of the station and three of the spots used by Fire Department personnel. Mr. Moody stated that the loss of parking would take revenue away from the Town. He also discussed the Town donating the property to the Precinct in 1977 for a new station. Mr. Moody believes that if the Precinct is not interested in donating the land for a fire station then the Town should forget about building a new one at the beach. Mr. Moody asked which newspaper the hearing notice was published in 10 days prior to the hearing. Mr. Moore reported that it was published in the Atlantic News.

Chairman Moore closed the public hearing.

Mr. Lally reiterated his sentiments against the beach fire station. He knows that an upgrade is necessary but believes Hampton residents will not support two fire facility warrant articles. Mr. Griffin thinks that now is not the time for the beach fire station. He too would like to see the uptown station constructed before considering a beach station.

Chairman Moore introduced those in attendance.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mrs. Bridle-Russell encouraged residents to vote at tomorrow's primary election. The election will be held at Marston School.

Chairman Moore announced that the Selectmen will be meeting tomorrow, January 8 at 6 p.m. to discuss the remaining warrant articles. He also noted that Christmas trees are being picked up this week.

II. APPOINTMENTS

1. CEMETERY TRUSTEES – MATT SHAW & RICHARD BATEMAN, CEMETERY DIRECTOR DANNY KENNEY - CEMETERY WARRANT ARTICLES

The Trustees submitted petitioned articles to withdraw Cemetery Trust Funds to purchase a new pickup truck and plow for snow removal and to replace the roof on the High Street Cemetery building. At this time it is unclear if there are enough valid registered voters for these articles.

The Town Manager has created two articles for the Selectmen to consider. One is the Cemetery Burial Trust Fund and the other is for Cemetery Gravestone Maintenance. The Trustees and Director thanked the Town Manager for bringing these articles forward.

2. FINANCE DIRECTOR MICHAEL SCHWOTZER - YEAR END ENCUMBRANCES & AUDIT BIDS

Mr. Griffin MOTIONED to encumber \$601,622 as recommended by the Finance Director. **Mr. Lally SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

The Finance Director sent out five bid request letters to auditors who specifically deal with government finances. He received two bids. Plodzik & Sanderson Professional Association (Hampton previous auditor) had the best proposal. Mr. Schwotzer noted that this firm is familiar with Hampton's financial records.

Mr. Griffin MOTIONED to accept the Plodzik & Sanderson Professional Association proposal for auditing services for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2007, 2008, and 2009. **Mr. Workman SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

UNION CONTRACT WARRANT ARTICLES

Chairman Moore announced that there are six warrant articles that discuss the six unique union contracts. Attorney Higgins described the contracts that the negotiating teams had concluded. He noted that contract negotiations have been going on since the fall of 2005 and all contracts expired on March 31, 2006. Attorney Higgins also mentioned that the Town of Hampton negotiating committee consisted of Ben Moore, Fred Welch and Attorney Higgins. He went on to say that the committee has come to a resolution with all unions except for the two Fire Department contracts.

Hampton Police Association Contract

The committee was able to reach an agreement with the Hampton Police Association first. Attorney Higgins credited the Association for coming forward to enter into discussion. The main obstacle for most of the negotiations was to increase the amount that employees pay for health insurance. Attorney Higgins noted that all unions did agree to the same increase in insurance.

There are two Hampton Police Association Contract warrant articles. One of the contracts relates to Patrolmen/Special Officers and the other to Sergeants. The term of the contract will be for three years beginning April 1, 2008, concluding March 31, 2011. A wage increase of 2.5% for 2008, 3% in 2009 and 3.5%

in 2011 has been included in both contracts. The Police Officers are getting an increase in the uniform allowance, an increase of \$200 for full-time officers and an increase of \$100 for Special Officers. That is, full-time officers get a uniform allowance of \$800 and the part-time officers get an allowance of \$400. Attorney Higgins said that there is a new provision that will result in the loss of seniority for a Police Officer who loses certification or after 18 months from a job related injury incurred in the line of duty. For court time Police Officers currently get time and a half with a minimum of three hours. Attorney Higgins noted that the committee has agreed to increase the minimum time to four hours for any Officer working the night shift. An important issue for the Chief was to regulate shift swapping between Patrolmen and Sergeants. The Police Union has agreed that shift swapping will stop and it has been written into the contracts.

Currently all union employees pay 10% of the Health insurance premiums. The new contracts include the following premium increases:

- April 1, 2008 – premiums increase to 12%
- April 1, 2009 – premiums increase to 14%
- April 1, 2010 – premiums increase to 17%

Police Officers have agreed to a 20% cap on health care premium increases.

Private Detail Officers are currently paid \$29/hour, the new contract includes an increase to \$33/hour. Contractors pay for the cost of Private Details so there should be no additional cost to the Town.

In the 20th year an additional step has been added.

Educational incentives have been included in the Sergeant and Patrolman's contract. An Officer obtaining a Bachelors Degree currently receives a \$1,000 they will now receive \$1,250 henceforth. For an Associates Degree an Officer currently receives \$500 and will now receive \$650 henceforth. If an Officer has accumulated 30 credits from a recognized institution will henceforth receive \$350. For advanced degrees, Officers will receive \$1,400.

Language changes in the contract includes excluding the Deputy Chief. Time is being calculated by months instead of calendar years. The Town has agreed to pay 2006 and 2007 step increases retroactively in 2008.

While the contracts are pending the Town has agreed to negotiate concerning the issue of sick time and the sick bank. Attorney Higgins noted that this topic is a looming issue for the Town of Hampton and too big of an issue to resolve during the recent negotiations concerning the health insurance.

Finance Director Schwotzer presented the fiscal impact of the proposed Police contracts. For the Police Officers contract the first year impact is \$102,000 (to be raised and appropriated). This would have an estimated 2008 tax rate impact of \$0.043 per \$1,000 valuation. In 2009 the impact would be \$142,175 over the 2007 budget level amount for salaries and benefits (representing a differential of \$40,097 over the 2008 level). In 2010, the impact would be \$204,356 over the 2007 budget level amount for salaries and benefits (representing a differential of \$62,181 over the 2009 level). The total additional cost for salaries and benefits of the agreement over the 2007 budget level for the three years is \$448,609.

The Sergeant Contract for the first year has a financial impact of \$6,280 to fund the cost items relating to the salaries and benefits for 2008 which would have an estimated tax rate impact of \$0.003 per \$1,000 valuation. In 2009, there is a \$22,463 over the 2007 budget level amount (representing a differential of \$16,183 over the 2008 level). In 2010, there is \$41,031 over the 2007 budget level amount for salaries and benefits (representing

a differential of \$18,568 over the 2009 level). The total additional cost of the agreement for salaries and benefits over the 2007 budget level for the three years is \$69,774.

Mr. Lally MOTIONED to move the Hampton Police Association (HPA) Patrolmen and (HPA) Sergeants Articles to the Warrant (as recommended) and to the Budget Committee. **Mr. Workman SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Teamsters

The Teamster's union represents Town Hall employees, some members of the Police Department (Custodians and Communication Specialists) and Waste Water Treatment Plant employees. Attorney Higgins noted that the term of the contract will be three years beginning April 1, 2008. He then commented on the wage increase which includes 2.5%, 3% and 3.5% consecutively for the next three years. Step increases will be handled the same way as the Police; paying for those eligible. Attorney Higgins said that the health care provision will be the same as in all the contracts. He also talked about including "DRIVE" language which is a "PAC" that employees may contribute to. While the contract is pending the Town has agreed to negotiate concerning the issue of sick time and the sick bank with the Teamsters.

Finance Director Schwotzer presented the fiscal impact of the proposed Teamsters, Local 633 contract. In the first year, the contract impact is \$43,722 (to be raised and appropriated). This would have an estimated 2008 tax rate impact of \$0.018 per \$1,000 valuation. In 2009 the impact would be \$65,203 over the 2007 budget level amount for salaries and benefits (representing a differential of \$21,481 over the 2008 level). In 2010, the impact would be \$100,801 over the 2007 budget level amount for salaries and benefits (representing a differential of \$35,598 over the 2009 level). The total additional cost for salaries and benefits of the Teamsters agreement over the 2007 budget level for the three years is \$209,725.

Attorney Higgins noted that there is no "cap" in the Teamsters or in the State Employees Association contract for health care costs.

Mrs. Bridle-Russell MOTIONED to move the Teamsters contract (as recommended) to the Warrant and to the Budget Committee. **Mr. Workman SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

State Employees Association (SEA)

Attorney Higgins went on to discuss the SEA agreement. The Association represents the Department of Public Works employees. The contract was approved today, for a three year term. The wage increase is 3%, for each year during the contract. Attorney Higgins pointed out that the contract increases start January 1. A meal reimbursement plan has been incorporated into the agreement, for those working outside of their regular shift (e.g. snow plowing). The health and dental provision is the same as the other negotiated contracts with no "cap". Attorney Higgins mentioned that the Town has agreed to make reasonable efforts to get Police Details for crews working on certain roads (have yet to be defined and will be an exhibit to the contract). The Town has also agreed to select and provide high visibility outerwear and pay \$100/year for work boots. The sick bank and sick time negotiation applies to the SEA contract as well.

Finance Director Schwotzer noted that there is an "evergreen" clause in the SEA contract, therefore is no retro pay. He then went on to discuss the fiscal impact of the proposed SEA, Local 1984 contract. In the first year, the contract impact is \$48,053 (to be raised and appropriated). This would have an estimated 2008 tax rate

impact of \$0.020 per \$1,000 valuation. In 2009 the impact would be \$100,350 over the 2007 budget level amount for salaries and benefits (representing a differential of \$52,297 over the 2008 level). In 2010, the impact would be \$145,275 over the 2007 budget level amount for salaries and benefits (representing a differential of \$44,925 over the 2009 level). The total additional cost for salaries and benefits of the SEA agreement over the 2007 budget level for the three years is \$293,679.

Mrs. Bridle-Russell MOTIONED to move the SEA contract (as recommended) to the Warrant and to the Budget Committee. **Mr. Lally SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Hampton Fire Fighters & Hampton Fire Department Supervisory Association

There are two contracts related to the Fire Department (i.e. Firefighters, Local 2664 and Supervisory Association, Local 3017). The negotiating parties have agreed to all except two issues with both unions. These issues went to fact finding and the Fact Finder has issued a report.

Attorney Higgins mentioned the contracts are for three years. The health and dental provisions are the same as the others, with a "cap" for both contracts. EMT's will lose their seniority if they lose their certification, unless the loss is at no fault of their own (i.e. bureaucratic snafu). Sick time and sick bank negotiations apply to both contracts as well.

The Supervisors contract includes an educational allowance for the Deputy Chiefs. Employees with an Associates Degree that is job related will receive \$650, for a Bachelors Degree they will receive \$1,250 and a provision in the agreement for the Fire Department Secretary to receive \$1,000 for any training related to her job.

Attorney Higgins reported that the two negotiating committees did not agreed to wages. The Town's final proposal to the fire fighters was 1%, 1.5% and 1.5%. According to Attorney Higgins the fire fighters wanted a 3% wage increase each year of the contract. The Town agreed to retro steps as with the other contracts. The fire fighters wanted to include overtime within the retro steps, to which the Town negotiating committee did not agree to. The items went to a Fact Finder named, Bruce Fraser, who has produced a report. Mr. Fraser analyzed both positions and recommended that the fire unions request of 3% over three years be granted and that they withdraw their retro step/overtime request. The fact finder's reasoning to withdraw the retro step/overtime request was because the fire fighters are highly paid in comparison to other departments. Attorney Higgins noted that at 6:15 p.m., this evening the fire fighters voted on the contract and he does not know the results at this time. He also explained that there are two proposed articles that should go forward to the voters with or without knowing the fire union results.

Finance Director Schwotzer presented the fiscal impact of the proposed Hampton Fire Department Supervisory Association, Local 3017 contract per the Fact Finders report. In the first year, the contract impact is \$23,961 (to be raised and appropriated). This would have an estimated 2008 tax rate impact of \$0.010 per \$1,000 valuation. In 2009 the impact would be \$55,098 over the 2007 budget level amount for salaries and benefits (representing a differential of \$31,137 over the 2008 level). In 2010, the impact would be \$84,668 over the 2007 budget level amount for salaries and benefits (representing a differential of \$29,570 over the 2009 level). The total additional cost for salaries and benefits for the Local 3017 agreement over the 2007 budget level for the three years is \$163,727.

Mr. Schwotzer presented the fiscal impact of the proposed Fire Fighter, Local 2664 contract per the Fact Finders report. In the first year, the contract impact is \$115,433 (to be raised and appropriated). This would have an estimated 2008 tax rate impact of \$0.048 per \$1,000 valuation. In 2009 the impact would be \$192,103 over the 2007 budget level amount for salaries and benefits (representing a differential of \$76,670 over the 2008 level). In 2010, the impact would be \$262,722 over the 2007 budget level amount for salaries and benefits (representing a differential of \$70,619 over the 2009 level). The total additional cost for salaries and benefits of the Fire Fighters agreement over the 2007 budget level for the three years is \$570,258.

Mr. Griffin asked what would happen if the union contract warrant articles are rejected by the voters. Mr. Moore said that the committees would have to go back to negotiations. Mr. Griffin asked if union articles have failed in the past. Mrs. Bridle-Russell confirmed that it had. In the past an article was included in the warrant regarding whether to hold a special town meeting during the year to deal with the union contracts. Mr. Moore believes that it would take at least a year to renegotiate.

Mr. Workman MOTIONED to move the Hampton Fire Fighters & Hampton Fire Department Supervisory Association contracts (as recommended) to the Warrant and to the Budget Committee. **Mrs. Bridle-Russell SECONDED.**

**VOTE: 3 FOR
OPPOSED – Moore & Griffin**

Deputy Fire Chief Chris Silver and Deputy Fire Chief Steve Bennotti addressed the Board.

CEDAP GRANT – FIRE DEPARTMENT

Deputy Silver reported that the Fire Department has been awarded a 2007 Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP) grant award. The Grant provides equipment, not money. The equipment being received is for hazardous material monitoring and identification equipment.

Mrs. Bridle-Russell MOTIONED to accept the receipt of the CEDAP grant and equipment. **Mr. Workman SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

SURPLUS PROPERTY – FIRE DEPARTMENT LINE TRUCK

Deputy Bennotti requested that the old line truck be declared surplus. Mr. Welch suggested that the vehicle be sent to the salvage yard due to potential liability issues.

Mr. Griffin MOTIONED to declare the line truck as surplus and to sell it to a salvage yard. **Mrs. Bridle-Russell SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

OXYGEN – FIRE DEPARTMENT

Deputy Silver reported that the Town has been selling medical oxygen to North Hampton, Seabrook and Hampton Falls (towns of lower amounts of use) since 1960. It has been recently brought to the Fire Department's attention that they do not have authority to resell Town property.

Mr. Griffin MOTIONED to grant the Fire Department authority to sell medical oxygen to surrounding towns. **Mr. Workman SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

III. MINUTES – DECEMBER 17, 2007

The December 17, 2007 minutes stand approved as distributed.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Welch reported that the Secretary of State has set February 5, 2008 as the date for the Special Election for the position of State Representative from Hampton. The Election will be held at the Marston School from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Town Manager announced that the Rockingham County Fuel Assistance is accepting applications. He suggested that anyone interested call the Portsmouth Office at 436-3896 or 800-639-3896 for an application.

Mr. Welch suggested that residents use the "Got Books" reuse container at the Town Recycling Center for books, CD's, DVD's, videos and audio books..

The NROC Meeting is Wednesday, January 9th at 7PM in the cafeteria of the Hampton Academy.

Mr. Welch encouraged citizens to vote tomorrow in the State Primary. He noted that polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Marston School.

Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter, sent a special one page report to the Selectmen for consideration for print in the Town report. It was the consensus of the Board to only have Town matters printed in the Town report.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. PETITIONED ARTICLES

SELECTMEN SPONSORED ARTICLES

Cemetery Burial Trust Fund

Mr. Griffin MOTIONED to move the Cemetery Burial Trust Fund article (as recommended) to the Warrant. **Mr. Workman SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Cemetery Restoration

Mr. Griffin MOTIONED to move the Cemetery Restoration article (as recommended) to the Warrant. **Mrs. Bridle-Russell SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

PETITIONED ARTICLES

Hampton Beach Village District Improvement Fund (20% of the gross lease rental income form the Town's parking area located within the Precinct District)

The Town Manager noted that the article is an appropriation. Chairman Moore asked if in the past the Selectmen have made a recommendation regarding such an article. Mrs. Bridle-Russell and Mr. Workman said that they had not. Mr. Welch reported that there is no financial impact to the Town.

Mr. Workman noted that there is a significant difference between leased parking revenues and daily rentals. Mr. Moore pointed out that there are no leased parking spots within the Precinct District. He also reminded residents that last year there was an article that rescinded a similar article adopted in 1996. This article will have a fiscal impact note.

Mr. Lally pointed out that there would be a total of 40% taken from the parking lot revenues if this article passes (2007 Recreation Special Revenue Fund).

The Selectmen will review the article again at tomorrow's meeting, once the Finance Director has the opportunity to review the financial impact.

Robin Lane – Acceptance

There are over 25 registered voters on the petition and it will be on the Warrant. There is no financial impact to the Town.

Doggett Fish House Allow Until Mr. Cropper's Death

There are over 25 registered voters on the petition therefore it will be on the Warrant. There is no financial impact to the Town.

Rockingham Nutrition & Meals on Wheels Program

Mr. Griffin MOTIONED to recommend the Rockingham Nutrition & Meals on Wheels Program petitioned article.
Mrs. Bridle-Russell SECONDED.

**VOTE: 3 FOR
OPPOSED – Workman and Moore**

Pawnees, Mohawk & Dacotah Streets – Acceptance

There are at least 25 confirmed registered voters on the petitioned article. There is no financial impact to the Town. Article will automatically move forward to the Warrant.

Families First

There are at least 25 confirmed registered voters on the petitioned article. Article will automatically move forward to the Warrant.

Chairman Moore passed the gavel to Vice-Chairman Lally.

Mr. Moore MOTIONED to NOT recommend Families First. Mrs. Bridle-Russell SECONDED.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Resolution on Property Tax

There are at least 25 confirmed registered voters on the petitioned article. There is no financial impact to the Town. Article will automatically move forward to the Warrant.

Manchester Street

There are at least 25 confirmed registered voters on the petitioned article. There is no financial impact to the Town. Article will automatically move forward to the Warrant.

Remove Deed Restrictions 30, 34 & 36 River Avenue

There are at least 25 confirmed registered voters on the petitioned article. There is no financial impact to the Town. Article will automatically move forward to the Warrant.

Children's Christmas Carnival

There are at least 25 confirmed registered voters on the petitioned article. Article will automatically move forward to the Warrant.

Mr. Lally MOTIONED to recommend the Children's Christmas Carnival. **Mrs. Bridle-Russell SECONDED.**

VOTE: 1 FOR

OPPOSED – Moore, Bridle-Russell, Workman, Griffin

Mr. Workman MOTIONED to NOT recommend the Children's Christmas Carnival. **Mrs. Bridle-Russell SECONDED.**

VOTE: 4 FOR

OPPOSED – Lally

Cole Street – Acceptance

There are at least 25 confirmed registered voters on the petitioned article. There is no financial impact to the Town. Article will automatically move forward to the Warrant.

There is a spelling error in the third line of the article.

Mr. Workman MOTIONED to amend the spelling error (should read "maintained" instead of "maitained"). **Mrs. Bridle-Russell SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Cutler Avenue - Acceptance

There are at least 25 confirmed registered voters on the petitioned article. There is no financial impact to the Town. Article will automatically move forward to the Warrant.

Sidewalk Landing and Winnacunnet Roads

The Public Works Department has yet to review the article to determine if the cost of the sidewalk is within reason. It was the consensus of the Board to review the article again at tomorrow night's meeting.

Open Gates on Hardardt's Way

There are at least 25 confirmed registered voters on the petitioned article. There is no financial impact to the Town. Article will automatically move forward to the Warrant.

Lamprey Health Care Senior Transportation

Mr. Workman MOTIONED to NOT recommend the Lamprey Health Care Senior Transportation. **Mrs. Bridle-Russell SECONDED.**

VOTE: 2 FOR
OPPOSED – Bridle-Russell, Lally, Griffin

Mrs. Bridle-Russell MOTIONED to recommend the Lamprey Health Care Senior Transportation. **Mr. Griffin SECONDED.**

VOTE: 3 FOR
OPPOSED – Moore, Workman

2. SOCIAL SERVICE ARTICLE – AIDS RESPONSE SEACOAST

Mr. Griffin MOTIONED to move the AIDS Response Seacoast article to the Warrant (as recommended). **Mrs. Bridle-Russell SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

3. POTENTIAL UNION CONTRACT WARRANT ARTICLES

Previously discussed under appointments.

4. NUMBERING OF WARRANT ARTICLES

The Selectmen numbered the articles as follows.

Article 1 - Election of Officers

Article 2 - 6 – Zoning Amendments

Article 7 - 8 – Bond Issue – Fire Stations

Article 9 – the Budget

Article 10 – 15 – Union Articles

Article 16 – 24 – Selectmen Sponsored Articles

Article 25 – 28 – Cemetery Articles – Selectmen Sponsored

Article 29 – 31 – Selectmen Sponsored Articles

Article 32 – Doggett Fish House allow until Mr. Cropper's Death – Petitioned Article

Article 33 – 35 – Ordinance Articles

Article 36 – 52 – Selectmen Sponsored Social Service Articles

Article 53 – 74 – Petitioned Warrant Articles

5. SCHOOL BOARD REQUEST

Mrs. Bridle-Russell MOTIONED to approve the School Board request for room use with the condition that they work with the Budget Committee with any scheduling issues. **Mr. Griffin SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

6. DESIGNATION OF EMERGENCY LANE – FOGG LANE

The Town Manager received a letter requesting Fogg Lane be considered an emergency lane. A title search for all property owners along the road would need to be done. The Selectmen instructed the Town Manager to send a letter to the individuals requesting emergency lane designation, instructing them on what is needed by the Selectmen prior to proceeding with designation.

7. PERMISSION TO CONNECT OUT-OF-TOWN SEWER LINE

Mr. Workman noted that the letter is an introduction letter and there is no need for action at this time.

8. OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT - DONATED TO NHDES

Mr. Workman MOTIONED to declare the Waste Water Treatment Plant lab equipment listed in the presented memorandum as surplus and to donate it to the Department of Environmental Services. **Mrs. Bridle-Russell SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

9. CEDAP GRANT – FIRE DEPARTMENT

Item previously discussed under appointments.

10. SURPLUS PROPERTY – FIRE DEPARTMENT LINE TRUCK

Item previously discussed under appointments

11. OXYGEN – FIRE DEPARTMENT

Item previously discussed under appointments

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Moore asked the Board if they are interested in meeting on Martin Luther King Day, January 21. It was the consensus of the Selectmen to meet on that day and keep with the public hearing date.

Attorney Gearreald noted that a non-meeting will be required at the conclusion of this meeting to discuss a legal matter.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

None

VII PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Moody questioned if the Town would be assuming liability on the donated equipment. He then went on to discuss the Cemetery Trust Fund and that at a Town Meeting in the 1990's he amended the article relating to this fund. For that reason he does not believe these funds can be used to purchase the truck, plow or repair the roof on the High Street Cemetery building. He also questioned who would do the cemetery monument restoration.

VIII. CLOSING COMMENTS:

None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Bridle-Russell MOTIONED to adjourn at 10:01 p.m. **Mr. Griffin SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Chairman